ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for extracting a category item from an audio/video (A/V) signal to be recorded on a storage medium, storing the extracted category item, and searching for the A/V signal using the category item are provided. The method of recording an A/V signal includes seizing the category of the A/V signal and selecting a category item for the A/V signal, storing category information about the A/V signal, the category information including the category item, and recording the A/V signal to a storage medium. Accordingly, an A/V signal stored in a storage medium is searched for by a category so that the A/V signal can be easily searched for. Since the compression ratio of each A/V signal is controlled depending on its category when the A/V signal is recorded to a storage medium, the storage capacity of the storage medium is efficiently managed.